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Ms. Nancy Rumill
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Ground Water Office (WTR-9)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: Intent to Issue an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui

Dear Ms. Rumill:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the UIC permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui.

There has been increased public concern about that the nutrients contained in UIC wastewater may be contributing to rampant growth of non-native seaweeds in near shore waters. Being that Maui's beaches are a resource of tremendous importance to the tourist industry as well as for local recreational use, there needs to be assurance that UIC waters do not create negative impacts to the near shore waters.

Maui's farmers, businesses and residents have been concerned and impacted by drought. The reuse of sanitary water that has been treated to the R-1 standard would help to alleviate the demand for potable water. However the County does not currently have the capacity to increase the UV treatment of wastewater. There should possibly be a schedule to increase the treatment capacity at the plant, while reducing the need to inject the excess water into the ground.

Again, thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,

Howard Hanzawa,
Vice President